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with the bottom surface of the rear part 2b of the recess 2 of the card 1. At this time, the two contact leaf springs 50, 70 are in contact with each other through the front contact portion 54b and the contact projection 75 and the write protection switch SW1 is on.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-4 and add new claim 5, as follows:

1. (Amended) A card connector comprising:

a connector housing having a lower housing and a metal upper housing; and one or more switches each operated by engagement and disengagement of a pair of metal pieces;

wherein at least one of said one or more switches comprises:

a first contact leaf spring formed on said connector housing, said first contact leaf spring having an engagement portion for engaging with a button of said inserted card when the button is in a first position;

a second contact leaf spring having an engagement portion for engaging with said button of said inserted card when the button is in a second position; and

a contact portion provided on at least one of said first contact leaf spring and said second contact leaf spring for electrical connecting said first contact leaf spring to said second contact leaf spring when said button of said inserted card is located in one of the first position and the second position.

2. (Amended) A card connector according to claim 1, wherein said first contact leaf spring and said second contact leaf spring each are a contact leaf spring extending from an end portion of said upper housing like a cantilevered beam.

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